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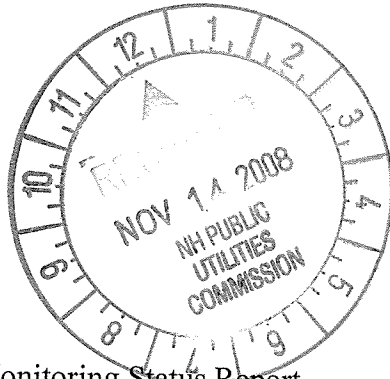
DATE: November 14, 2008

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SUBJECT: DT 07-011 Cutover Readiness

TO: Commission



On November 12, 2008, Liberty filed its Monthly Cutover Monitoring Status Report (Liberty Report) indicating FairPoint has satisfied the readiness criteria in all but a few areas. The Liberty Report is attached. On the same day, FairPoint filed its Provisional Notice of Readiness indicating "FairPoint believes that it will be ready by November 30, 2008 to file an irrevocable notice of cutover readiness with Verizon."

Because the Liberty Report concluded FairPoint had satisfied all but a few of the readiness criteria, staff recommends the Commission proceed to hearing on the date previously reserved by Secretarial Letter dated November 5, 2008. Staff takes no position on FairPoint's readiness in this memo, but recommends this process in order to afford all parties an opportunity to be heard on these critical issues.

The primary issue of concern in the Liberty Report involves FairPoint's CLEC testing. CLEC testing has continued since the information was provided to Liberty for its report and staff recommends the Commission provide FairPoint an opportunity to update the record prior to the hearing. Accordingly, staff recommends FairPoint be allowed to make a written submission supplementing the record no later than 9:00 a.m. on November 18, and that parties be allowed to file argument or fact by close of business on November 19. This schedule is consistent with that established in Maine, and should not be overly burdensome.